



# ST JAMES' FAMILY NEWSLETTER



5<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents and Friends of St James,

Christmas has arrived at St James!!

We spent a very enjoyable and exciting day on Friday watching the pantomime *Beauty and the Beast* as well as making decorations for around school. The school looks wonderful. Thank you to all the staff who put in so much effort during and after school to get everything ready and a huge thank you to the 'Friends of St James' whose fundraising paid for the pantomime. We also raised a fantastic £191 for Save the Children by wearing our Christmas jumpers! What a great day!



We are looking forward to welcoming you into school over the next couple of weeks for our Early Years and KS1 Nativity performances as well as seeing you in St James Church on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December for our KS2 Carol Service – we are expecting all KS2 children to attend this service and all parents are more than welcome to join us too. This coming Wednesday is our termly Eucharist. Please join us at 9am if you would like to take part.

**Please check and return the data sheet that is in book bags today so that we can update our contact records.** We use this data to send you texts and messages as well as to contact you if your child is poorly or if it starts to snow and we need to close the school. We would like to start using emails for more letters and reduce our photocopying bill – please fill in your email address on the data sheet if you would like us to use this method of contacting you. If you have questions about the data we hold, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Best Wishes,  
Sarah Beach

### WEEKLY CAKE RAFFLE

The Friends group are continuing the cake raffle every Friday. Don't forget to buy tickets each week and if you can help out by baking a cake one week, please let the office know.

**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1:30pm ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER AND REOPENS AT 8:30AM ON THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018**

### SNOW PLAN / DATA CHECK

If a decision to close the school is made because of bad weather overnight, the announcement will be made on the school website ([www.stjames.northants.sch.uk](http://www.stjames.northants.sch.uk)) and on the local radio, Radio Northampton and Heart FM. Please do not call the school as the office will not be staffed.

If the school is closed during the school day, you will receive a text to come and collect your child. Please ensure we have up to date contact details by returning the data collection sheet attached to this newsletter.

## PARENT GOVERNOR WANTED

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Nomination forms will be sent out shortly but if you are interested, please speak to a member of staff or contact the school office on [office@stjames.northants.sch.uk](mailto:office@stjames.northants.sch.uk) / 01604 751475

## Ordering School dinners

Please note that ALL school dinners must be ordered by 9.30am. If you arrive after this time, you will need to ensure that a packed lunch is brought in from home.

## Holidays

As you know, holidays are not authorised if taken during term time. Parents do not have an automatic right for their children to have authorised absence. Parents can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice which can require a parent to pay a sum of £120.00. Each parent can be issued with a notice for each child so two parents with two children can potentially be issued with four notices. The Council has recently started to reinforce this policy and has issued a significant number of fixed penalty notices to families of St James.

If you need to take your child out of school FOR ANY REASON, please talk to Mrs Beach or Mrs Bilkhu before you make any bookings.

### What's Coming Up / Dates for your diaries:

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Eucharist at 9:00am. All welcome.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Year 6L to Newton Fields Education Centre

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Snack with Santa (KS1 and Early Years) till 5pm. Presold tickets only.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec**– Snack with Santa (KS1 and Early Years) till 5pm. Presold tickets only.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Reception and Nursery Nativity – morning 9.30am and afternoon 2.30pm.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Year 1/2 Nativity Performance – 2pm and 6pm.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Party Day! More details to follow.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – KS2 Carol Service in Church (6pm evening).

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas dinner in school – please order by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Church service at St James Church 2pm (parents invited and can take children from the service or pick up at 2:45pm from church).

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – School closes at 1:30pm for the Christmas break.

**School reopens at 8:30am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Year 3 on-line safety training

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Year 6 magistrates visit

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan** – Parents Evening until 7pm

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Parents Evening until 5:30pm

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Year 4 trip to Everdon

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan** – Eucharist at 9am

Remember to follow St James on Twitter: StJamesCE @StJamesNN5

Or on our school website - [www.stjames.northants.sch.uk](http://www.stjames.northants.sch.uk)

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